

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1727
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2024**

TREATMENT OF CANCER

1727. SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated number of incidences of cancer cases and mortalities in the country for the last five years;
- (b) whether Government is aware that less than 5 per cent of the population is covered under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), if so, the reason behind such low coverage under cancer screening program and the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to make the treatment of cancer more affordable?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a): As per the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR-NCRP), the estimated number of incidences of cancer cases in the country during last five years (2019 - 2023) is given below;

Estimated incidence of cancer cases and mortality(2019-2023) – Both sexes						
Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Estimated incidence of cancer cases in India	1358415	1392179	1426447	1461427	1496972	
Estimated mortality of cancer cases in India	751517	770230	789202	808558	828252	

(b) & (c): The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, provides technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) as part of National Health Mission (NHM). The programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, early diagnosis, referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment and management and health promotion and awareness generation for

prevention, of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including cancer. Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 372 District Day Care Centres and 6410 Community Health Centre NCD Clinics has been set up.

A population-based initiative for screening, management and prevention of common NCDs including cancer have been rolled out as a part of comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under National Health Mission (NHM). Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery. As per National NCD Portal as on 2nd December 2024, out of eligible population of 51.34 crore individuals aged 30 years and above, 26.06 crore have been screened for oral cancer. Out of an eligible population of females aged 30 years and above, 14.30 crore have been screened for breast cancer and 8.88 crore have been screened for cervical cancer.

Further, initiatives for increasing public awareness about NCDs including cancer and for promotion of healthy lifestyle include observance of National Cancer Awareness Day and World Cancer Day, use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. Financial support under National Health Mission (NHM) for awareness generation activities for NCDs including cancer and heart diseases is provided to States/Union Territories as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Healthy Eating” is promoted through “Eat Right India movement” of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). “Fit India movement” is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.

Cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the health care facilities. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy. Treatment of Cancers is also available under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY). Health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary or tertiary care hospitalization to over 12 crore poor and vulnerable beneficiary families (approximately 55 crore beneficiaries) is provided under the scheme.

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Scheme was launched to set up dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices. As on 21st October 2024, over 14,000 PMBJKs have been opened in the country. Under PMBJP, 2047 types of medicines and 300 surgical devices have been brought under the basket of the scheme including cardiovascular, anti-cancers, anti-diabetic drugs..

Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT), an initiative launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare aims to provide affordable medicines for treatment of cancer, cardiovascular and other diseases. As on 15.11.2024 there are 217 AMRIT Pharmacies spread across 29 States/Union Territories, selling more than 5,200 drugs (including cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes, stents, etc), implants, surgical disposables and other consumables at a significant discounts upto 50% on market rates.
